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# Blue Amberols Reconsidered

New Information on Acoustic & Electric Dubbing

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**S.M., Ft. Lauderdale**

**Answer:** Well, Columbia has done it again! First they misspelled the name of their own invention (*Graphophone*: see **APM**, Vol. V, No. 6), and now this. The correct date for the patent of the Type A Graphophone was March 30, 1897, awarded to T. H. Macdonald. He had applied for it on Nov. 27, 1896, giving as one of its novel features the new 'gateless' design. Patents, then and now, are issued only *once* each week, so it would be impossible for *both* dates to be correct. I would be very interested to know if Columbia ever caught this particular error as they did the one referred to above. If anyone finds the correct date of March 30, 1897 on their scroll decal, please let us know.

**Sousa's "Canned Music"?**

**Doug Boilesen**

In the annals of phonograph criticism, "canned music" must surely stand out as the most famous epithet hurled against mechanical music. The references to John Philip Sousa as the originator of this well-used term are too numerous to mention. The earliest reference that I can locate for Sousa's use of the phrase is in his article "The Menace of Mechanical Music", in *Appleton's Magazine* for Sept. 1906.

However, the well-known short-story writer O. Henry used the phrase "canned music" in his "The Phonograph and the Graft", published in *McClure's Magazine*, for Feb., 1903, some 3½ years before Sousa! Besides this expression, O. Henry added less memorable ones as well — for example: "our galvanized prima donna," "the work of a can-opener" and a "musical corn sheller."

It seems quite likely that such jokes and terms as "canned music" were already in circulation by 1903, but O. Henry's use of the words appears to be the earliest printed reference. If anyone knows of a still earlier use of the phrase, I would be glad to hear of it. □



## DUBBING DE-MYSTIFIED

### *The Logs of Edison's Columbia Street Dubbing Studio*

Ron Dethlefsen

For a number of years, collectors have known that Edison Blue Amberol cylinders were usually "dubbed" or transferred from Diamond Discs. But the exact method or process that Edison used was virtually unknown. Recently, though, in a locked file cabinet within the vaults of the Edison National Historic Site, the logs of the Columbia Street Dubbing Studio (no relation to a company with a similar name!) were discovered by collector Ben Tongue and archivist Reed Abel of the Edison Site. And what was the method used to dub the cylinders? It was a horn-to-horn process whereby a disc phonograph was placed before a cylinder recording machine with the respective horns apart or slightly telescoped. The Diamond Disc was then reproduced and an acoustical transfer was made to the cylinder recording blank. But as you will see, the process entailed constant experimentation and refinement which went on until the very end of Blue Amberol production in July of 1929.

In *Edison Blue Amberol Recordings 1912-1914*, page 17, I quoted from a laboratory notebook dated September 21, 1914 which stated that experimental dubbings had been played for Mr. Edison and that he had given approval for commercial dubbings to be made. According to the logs uncovered by Tongue and Abel, commercial dubbing of cylinders began on September 23, 1914, with "Firelight Faces" by Helen Clark being the first cylinder to be so transferred. However, the first dubbed cylinder *released* was No. 2488 "By the Setting of the Sun" by Walter VanBrunt. It is possible, though, that some of the experimental dubbed 'takes' may have been released in December, 1914, such as No. 2476 "Birthday of a King" by Thomas Chalmers, but according to the dubbing logs, the first dubbed Blue Amberols were released in January, 1915.

Now let us turn to an overview of what is contained in the seventeen volumes of logs which cover the period September 23, 1914 through July 2, 1929. It seems that the first recordings were made by simply playing the disc records into the cylinder recording machine, horn-to-horn, using different wax blanks, reproducers, horns and recorders. Then, on October 12, 1914 it was found that better results could be obtained if a hole was

opened, by means of a sliding damper, on the top of the recording horn or in a flexible tube leading to the recorder. This allowed volume to be reduced on high notes, resulting in a more balanced dubbing. Further refinements in dubbing were achieved by moving the horns apart on loud passages. This was first done on November 5th, 1914 for "I Want to Go Back to Michigan" by Billy Murray (No. 2507, 'take three'). On take four of the same cylinder, the smaller reproducing horn was inserted or telescoped into the larger recording horn. (As a sidelight, I must add that usually all dubs of a particular title were made from a single disc master 'take'. Evidently there was a pre-selection of the best disc take before six or eight pressings were made of it for the dubbing studio, and only rarely did the dubbing studio staff call for pressings from a different take to be sent over from the factory.)

Beginning December 29, 1914, the horn distance measurements were carefully noted in the logs. That day, four takes of "Operatic Rag" by Soderro's Band (No. 2583) were made with horn distances of 0 inches, 1½ inches, 8¼ inches and 7½ inches. Band recordings, with their greater volume, required more distance than vocals. During 1915 and early 1916, horn insertion rates noted for other records were between one and four inches, although the word "limit" is sometimes seen. After July, 1916 the insertion notes listed only the terms "E-1, E-2 or E-3". It appears as if the practice of opening holes in the horn or throat of the recorder allowed volume to be reduced when needed and standard insertion rates allowed volume to be enhanced when needed. Furthermore, on some recordings, such as No. 3511, "I'm Just a Ragged Newsboy..." by Walter VanBrunt, the speed of the disc master was increased. The logs also show that these recording adjustments were carried on while the recording process was underway because there are many references to opening and closing holes and swinging horns apart on different passages of the same take. The dubbing studio logs also state that rubber-rimmed horns were used to prevent metal-to-metal contact as the horns were manipulated. By September, 1915 a movable carriage was in use on which the recording horn rested, allowing



that horn to be telescoped in or out of the larger recording horn during recording. The horns did not move laterally with the records as in most Edison commercial playback machines; evidently the apparatus was developed from regular recording machines where the *records or blanks* moved under the styli. In short, the arrangement was similar to the Opera cylinder machine where the horn could be moved independently while the record was moved by a traversing mandrel beneath the stationary reproducer.

It has probably occurred to you that Edison and his associates were doing what is still being done in recording laboratories --- remixing or re-mastering recordings. Each dubbed Blue Amberol is slightly different in tone, and sometimes tempo, from its disc counterpart due to the mechanical remixing used in the dubbing process. Dubbing allowed Edison to continue issuing cylinders long after it would have been economically impossible to issue them in a directly recorded form (see *EBAR*, I, pp. 18-19). But possibly another advantage brought out in the dubbing logs was that Diamond Disc pressings were previewed and defects discovered due to the close monitoring that took place as the discs were dubbed to cylinders. Countless notations in the dubbing logs attest to the fact that pressings fresh from the factory were often defective to such an extent that the Working Mould Department was asked to make new moulds from which better disc dubbing masters could be pressed. It is then likely that the new moulds were used to make better commercial Diamond Discs after pressings had been made for the dubbing studio. Sometimes new moulds were not made and faulty passages on the disc sub-masters were repaired. This was the case with No. 28240 "Suicidio" by Margaret Matzenauer. The log sheet for this record contains the following remarks: "Numerous knocks in this sub repaired - best can be done with it." The cylinder was approved on July 3, 1916, but evidently it still wasn't perfect and was ultimately rejected for issue. But that hasn't stopped collectors from looking for it!

I regret there is not space here to detail all of the interesting notes contained in the Columbia Street Dubbing Logs, such as the disc-to-disc dubbing experiments and the

cylinder-to-cylinder experiments. There was also some direct recording of educational cylinders for Ediphone instructional uses, and a direct disc recording of a message in Morse code by Thomas Edison which was later dubbed to cylinder. But now let us move on to the late 1920's and electrical dubbing of cylinders.


As I wrote in *EBAR*, II, page 417, electrical dubbing came about because the Edison company wanted its cylinders to sound as good as inexpensive electrically recorded discs and the company also wanted to make the cylinders comply with the greater fidelity now inherent in Diamond Discs. Furthermore, Amberols may have been improved as part of a general upgrading and enhancement of Edison's whole line of phonographs, records, and radios in 1928-29 (Please see *New Amberola Graphic*, Autumn, 1981, p. 3).

According to the Columbia Street Studio Logs, Blue Amberol No. 5653, "The Bum Song", was the first *electrically* recorded (dubbed) cylinder, having been dubbed on Jan. 21, 1929. (Previous transfers from electrical Diamond Discs were *acoustically* dubbed). Blue Amberol No. 5650 - although recorded slightly later - was the first electrical dub to be *released*. It was entitled "Happy Days and Lonely Nights" by Al Friedman's Orchestra. As the logs show, the electrical process was not perfected right away and *companion* acoustical dubs were made. In the case of No. 5650, and others, both types of dubs may have been issued. The log shows that an acoustical dub was chosen for release, but my copy of No. 5650 displays five dots on its rim, which means that it is an electrical dub made on February 5, 1929. The acoustical dubs were made on January 14th. Both types of dubs continued to be made until late June, 1929 --- less than one week before all Blue Amberol entertainment cylinders ceased being produced! Parenthetically, I must add that nearly all Amberols had been made from electrically recorded discs since No. 5400, which was released in November, 1927. However, until No. 5650, all Amberols were acoustically dubbed or transferred.

What follows is only a tentative glossary of terms used in electrical dubbing, since most of Edison's recording methods were a trade secret and the terms were not fully explained in the logs.



## Key to the log book pages

- Bosch..... magnetic pick-up made by  
American Bosch Co.
- D.H..... disc reproducing horn.
- Experimental wax..... wax blanks of harder or  
softer composition than usual?
- Kick or Kicker .. a device used to enhance volume?
- O.W. .... old wax, perhaps re-shaved  
blanks or re-melted wax?
- R.H..... cylinder recording horn.
- R. .... cylinder recorder used for a  
particular take.
- Regular wax..... wax blanks cured the usual  
three months before use.
- S. .... disc speaker or reproducer  
used per take.
- Spec. .... denotes takes recorded or "Specials".
- V.T..... volume control.
- ..... indicated which take or takes  
approved for release.

The electrical dubs that I have listened to seem to have less surface noise and more volume than the acoustical dubs and they also seem to have shorter run-in times before the selections are heard. One selection, No. 5652, take seven, "The Big Rock Candy Mountain" by Vernon Dalhart has what sounds like electronic feedback shortly after the selection concludes, though the log notes show only two *acoustical* dubs were made for this record.

It may seem foolish in retrospect that Edison and his associates were still experimenting with improving Blue Amberols when these elegant records had already become an anachronism. However, the experiments did pay dividends because electrical dubbing was carried over into continuous production of Ediphone School Records for the use of secretarial schools until 1960, the midst of the LP era! I hope that what I have written here will inspire other researchers to look into the last years of Blue Amberol production and that an account of the Columbia Street Studio Dubbing Logs may be published in full someday. □

*Illustration courtesy Edison National Historic Site.*

## KINETOPHONE DISCOGRAPHY UPDATE

In his article on the Edison Kinetophone cylinders in *APM*, Vol. VI, No. 10, George Blacker offered the first known listing of these elusive records. An appeal for further information has produced quite a happy surprise - a new compilation from Art Shifrin of Douglaston, NY. Since the system has attracted more and more attention lately, given its historical importance in the development of "talking" motion pictures, we have decided to run Art's listing in full. The following catalog numbers and titles are drawn from inventory documents and the records themselves (4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ), which were made from 1911 on. One of the records, *The Deaf Mute*, was the first outdoor "Talkie" ever made. All others were made in a studio environment.

No.	Title
3	<i>See 8M</i>
5	Jack's Joke
7	Mrs. Brooke (2nd dup.)
8M	The Law of the West -- <i>Test A</i>
8M	<i>S-2 Mould removed from shell 3 (12-7-11)</i>
12	The Five Bachelors
16	The Edison Minstrels
20	The Musical Blacksmiths
21	A Few Shamrocks from Ireland
23	Nursery Favorites
25	Mayor [W.J.] Gaynor
27	The Old Minstrel (2nd part)
28	In College Days
32	In Bonnie Scotland
36	Dutch Courage
40	A Six Cylinder Elopement
45	Sextette from Lucia di Lammermoor
46	Spanish Lecture
47	Jardin de Espana
52	The Afterpiece, Minstrels (Part 3)
57	Olivette. Act I, Part 1
65	German Lecture
68	The Deaf Mute, Parts 1-5
72	Japanese Vaudeville
74	After Many Years (Rec 2, sc. 3; 3,8)
75	Dixie Days



77 Which Shall It Be? (Sc. 4 & 5)  
 83 The Old Violin  
 84 "The Duties of a Man of Wealth"  
     Andrew Carnegie  
 86 Kafer and Fliege  
 90 Der Handschuh  
 91 Feierabend auf der Sennhutte  
 92 The Old Songs are Best  
 98 Die Zauberflote  
 103 Picture No. 1527, Pt. 2  
 104 National Tanze  
 114 Scene de la Vie Parisienne a  
     Montmartre du Docteur Andre  
     Gil (D-B #1)  
 123 Lasses Kupletter Och Frieriscenen  
     Med Stina Ur Nerkingarna  
 126 Sverige du Gomla du Fria  
 128 Duett Ur Kornevilles Klocker  
 129 Svenska Folkvisor  
 136 R 105 Russian Title  
 137 R 101 Russian Title  
 139 Husarenliebe  
 141 Fritz Rolly & Turl Weiner  
 143 Der Hutschenschleuderer  
 145 Hasst a Lust Soldat zu Sein  
 155 Carmen (Pts. 1-3 & Finale)  
 160 Mignon Air et Duo  
 161 T...etto, Finale, Faust  
 164 Samson & Delilah, Air & Duo,  
     II Acte  
 165 Carmen Duet, Finale  
 166 Lucia di Lammermoor  
 168 Il Trovatore, Finale (IV Atto)  
 170 R 112 Russian Title  
 174 Die Puppe (Pts. 1-4)  
 177 R 118 Russian Title  
 187 Pazapacs?  
 192 R 121 Russian Title  
 194 Grand -- Blue Danube Waltz  
 195 R 124 Russian Title  
 196 R 125 Russian Title  
 197 R 126 Russian Title  
 201 Madame Charles ...hof Konzert  
     Franz Schubert  
 204 R 131 Russian Title  
 210 R 136 Russian (?)  
 214 Ein Kunsterlos  
 217 AEMOH<sub>B</sub> III HAI7AAEHIE  
     TATAP<sub>B</sub> (R141)  
 222 Couplets von Hans Hauser  
 223 Schwarze Schuhplattler (Dance)

225 Lachcouplet -- Prof. Hans Fredy  
 227 R 137 Russian Title  
 239 R 154 Russian Title  
 244 R 151 Russian Title  
 257 "The Birth of the Telephone"  
     Thomas A. Watson  
 260 Yakkosan (D-60)  
 261 Sandai Hagi (D 154)

*Titles without catalog numbers include:*  
 Charge of the Light Brigade  
 Lecture Revised (E)  
 Old Guard  
 Revenge of the Indian Girl  
 Scene from 'Julius Caesar'  
 The Transformation of Faust  
 Wainwright Quintette No. 2

*Experimental records include:*  
 Factory Test Record - Dub. B, with 7  
 bands as follows:  
 Constant tone, triangle waveform, approx.  
 440 Hz.; Piano notes; Trumpet w/ piano  
 acc.; Soprano w/ piano acc.; Baritone w/  
 piano acc.; Tuba and Xylophone; Chimes.

Military Napoleon - Legion of Honor  
 (white wax)

Unidentified drama of adult woman  
 questioning adoptive parents about her  
 biological mother (white wax).

Light comedy about a misarranged mar-  
 riage (white wax)

Record for W.E. Co. [Western Electric]  
 by Mr. [M.R.] Hutchison.

Teaching English to Coming Americans  
 (white wax).

Master Track -- March 25/14.

This now seems to be the most com-  
 plete list of Edison Kinetophone cylind-  
 ers. All listed above are made of celluloid  
 unless otherwise noted. The quality of  
 sound varies, but the very best examples  
 indicate that the recording technology  
 and the increased diameter of the cylinder  
 gave superlative results, perhaps the best  
 recordings of their time. Mr. Shifrin is try-  
 ing to locate the corresponding films so  
 that he can recreate a modern playback of  
 one of the first commercial talking pic-  
 tures. Any correspondence will be for-  
 forwarded to him through APM. □



## FROM THE GOLDEN AGE OF OPERETTA RECORDINGS: Victor Herbert

Joe Klee

According to *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Music*, 3rd edition (a book I prefer to Grove's encyclopedia simply because it is concise) Operetta is a little opera, a play with overture, songs, entr'actes and dances ... however the term has become synonymous with light opera such as Strauss' *Die Fledermaus* and musical comedy such as Noel Coward's *Bitter Sweet*. That's a good working definition although I'd like to know where they would classify a work like Lehar's *Merry Widow*. Is it light opera, musical comedy, fish, foul, black, white or grey? Somewhere between the extremes of *Fledermaus* and *Bitter Sweet* lie the more than 30 stage works composed by Victor Herbert, first produced generally at first-run Broadway houses but now, thanks to the all-inclusiveness of the New York City Opera's definition of the term, presented by the New York City Opera Company.

Herbert was certainly many things to many people. He was a virtuoso cellist, conductor of the Pittsburgh Orchestra, a bandmaster, a composer of symphonic poems and cello concerti and certainly a writer of tunes that have been sung, hummed and whistled by nearly a century of Americans.

A tribute is long overdue, although I seem to remember an early set of Victor Red Seal 12-inch records which would have been issued sometime in the 1930's or the early 1940's. I don't recall the names of the singers although James Melton may have been among them, but I do remember that the orchestra was directed by Nathaniel Shilkret and that each record included gems from one or another Herbert operetta. Smithsonian Records finally filled the gap with a three record set issued in 1979 covering the Early Victor Herbert from the Gay Nineties to the First World War, compiled by Allen G. Debus, a reigning expert on early American Musical Theatre. The album includes gems from six of Herbert's Operetta's plus two of his Operas (so distinguished because they were intended for performance at the Met rather than the Majestic, the Knickerbocker or any other Broadway theatre. Most of the recordings were made for Victor, surprisingly few by members of the original casts of the shows, far more by Herbert's Orchestra and by that ubiquitous catchall, the Victor Light Opera Company. There are occasional Columbias by George Alexander and Billy Murray and Cecil Fanning. Of more interest to the reader of APM will be the four 1898 sides recorded for Berliner and a spurious Zonophone circa 1900 about which more later. What is surprising is that nothing is included from the 1909 Edison series. This could have included selections from some of the lesser known Herbert scores such

as *Little Nemo* and *Old Dutch*. Another oddity is the inclusion of a Victor Herbert's Orchestra recording of selections from the *Fortune Teller* date 1903 which is NOT listed in *The Complete Entertainment Discography* by Rust and Debus. This is a bit easier to understand when you notice that in the 'contents listing' of the Smithsonian album this selection is listed simply as Victor Herbert's Orchestra and not, as on most of the other selections by this group, (directed by Victor Herbert). It is most probable that Victor Herbert did not conduct this selection which opens side two and may or may not actually be by Victor Herbert's Orchestra.

Side one includes a selection by Victor Herbert as solo cellist and several selections by Victor Herbert's Orchestra (two with the maestro listed as conductor - one where his conspicuous absence from the credits would indicate his absence from the session). These go all the way from the familiar and excellent *Badinage* to the rather dreadful *American Fantasie*, parts 1 and 2. When one hears this campy pastiche of American tunes one can forgive Herbert for not showing up to conduct it at the session. Considering his excellence as a composer of wonderful original material he probably would just have soon forgotten he ever wrote this potboiler. The final selection on side one is not written by Victor Herbert but, to his eternal shame, by one Frederick Hager. It is a piece of rubbish for band and narrator describing the *Battle of Manila*. It was recorded circa 1900 and originally published as Victor Herbert's Band. Herbert had taken over Gilmore's 22nd regiment band in 1893 (following Gilmore's death) and was to head this group until 1900. This was, however, according to Debus' notes, a house band later renamed The Zono-Phone Concert Band after a 1904 lawsuit brought against Zonophone by Victor Herbert. Its inclusion, both here and in *The Complete Entertainment Discography* under the Herbert listings would tend to legitimize it as a Victor Herbert item, yet so much in the cautiously worded liner notes ("the label ascribes the performance to Victor Herbert's band") tends to cast doubts. It's a terrible piece of music badly recorded and yet if it is a legitimate Victor Herbert item it seems to be the earliest recording we have of him.

Side two is devoted to *The Fortune Teller*, actually Herbert's sixth Operetta. It includes the aforementioned 1903 Herbert-less medley and the aforementioned Berliners. These are the first Berliners I've ever heard and they were terrible. The strides made in the short stretch of time between 1898 when these Berliners were first made and 1906 when Eugene Cowles re-recorded the show's hit *Gypsy Love Song* for



Victor are as great as the strides between the last acoustical recordings and electrical recording of a few years hence when the companies had found out how to use the microphones properly. Yet the performances preserved are essential, particularly that of Alice Nielsen whose 1898 Berliner of *Always Do As People Say You Should* is the only known surviving recording of Nielsen in light opera repertoire.

Side three is devoted to gems from *Babes In Toyland* and *Mlle. Modiste*. Again we have a surplus of instrumental excerpts recorded by Victor Herbert's Orchestra at a later date but we do have one gem from 1903, *Toyland*, recorded for Victor by Corinne Morgan and the Haydn Quartet. From *Mlle. Modiste*, in addition to sides by Herbert's Orchestra and the Victor Light Opera Company there's *I Want What I Want When I Want It* recorded by George Alexander for Columbia in 1906 and a 1923 recording of *Kiss Me Again* by Amelita Galli-Curci. Why no one recorded Fritz Scheff in 1905/6 singing what was to be her greatest hit is one of those sad cases of hindsight being more accurate than foresight.

The music from *The Red Mill* that opens side four really does little justice to the show. I have seen *The Red Mill* in a recent revival by the Bel Canto Opera Company and it is charming. This comes through only in Billy Murray's whimsical reading of *In Old New York* and is totally lacking in the other two selections, even the aforementioned Murray does assist Ada Jones and Frank Kernell in their humorless version of *Whistle It* which is a very funny bit when seen on stage. *Because You're You* is a fine song if not one of Herbert's best, still very excellent. It surely deserves more life than it gets from Elise Stevenson and Harry MacDonough. Side four closes out with music from *Naughty Marietta*, again largely Victor Herbert's Orchestra and the Victor Light Opera Company including Lucy Isabelle Marsh. Here the hidden gem is John McCormack lending his Irish tenor magic to *I'm Falling In Love With Someone*. Even so it is difficult for anyone who grew up during the generation of the film version of *Naughty Marietta* to conceive of this work without thinking of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. I found this to be so even while watching the recent revival at the New York City Opera or listening to the new *digital* recording just completed by the Smithsonian.

It was always Victor Herbert's ambition to write *the* definitive American Grand Opera. He came very close to that aim with *Natoma*. It was premiered at the Metropolitan Opera House, where Herbert once served in the orchestra as cellist, with an all-star cast including Mary Garden, Mario Sammarco and John McCormack. Alan Debus makes a point in the liner notes that Victor Herbert may have come

closer to his goal with his operettas than he did with *Natoma* or with *Madelaine* which followed three years later and included Frances Alda in the cast. Frankly the problem, as illustrated by the recordings included here, was that in writing an opera Herbert did not write memorable tunes that the audience might carry home with them after the theatre. Interesting indeed that it was just about that same time that Giacomo Puccini growing tired of writing beautiful tunes abandoned the melodic style that had made his *La Boheme*, *Tosca* and *Madama Butterfly* loved the world over for the ensemble style of opera which brought forth masterpieces of a totally different kind, *La Fanciulla del West* and *Turandot*. Yet there is the wonderful voice of Alma Gluck singing *The Spring Song* and McCormack rendering *Paul's Address* and Frances Alda singing *A Perfect Day* which she insisted that Victor Herbert insert in *Madelaine* as a solo for her in what was basically a recitative ensemble opera.

Side six closes out with gems from *Sweethearts*, not surprisingly also short on memorable whistleable tunes. The big hit, of course was the title song and once again, even with the definitive performance given by Christie MacDonald of the original cast, one cannot help but hear in one's mind Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald in this music.

I think that maybe, like Puccini after *Butterfly*, Victor Herbert after *Naughty Marietta* felt himself stifled by the confines of writing melodic tunes and hungered for something with a little more meat and potatoes to it. However the price he paid for elevating his art was the loss of his public. Of his post-*Naughty Marietta* operettas *Sweethearts* is the only one which seems to get revived and that, I suspect, has more to do with Jeanette, Nelson and Nostalgia than Victor Herbert's music. Yet taking the career as a whole Victor Herbert was, if not the American Puccini, certainly the American Lehar and, if I may sermonize at this point, it is a lamentable snobbishness on the part of certain powers that be at the Metropolitan Opera House of the 1980's that *Naughty Marietta* is produced over across the plaza at the State Theatre and not at the Met. Yes, the New York City Opera Production ... like the new Smithsonian digital recording ... is wonderful ... but what if there could be a production with a cast including Placido Domingo as Captain Dick and Teresa Stratas as Marietta!!!

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## BOOK REVIEW

*V-Discs: A History and Discography* by Richard S. Sears (Greenwood Press, 1980, \$67.50). Published under the auspices of the Association for Recorded Sound Collections.

Tim Brooks

If you are thinking of writing a book about those interesting records put out in the 1940's by the U.S. Army -- stop! *V-Discs: A History and Discography* is more than 1200 pages in length. It contains virtually everything anybody could conceivably want to know about V-Discs.

Why such an exhaustive treatment of such a relatively short-lived label? Well, Richard Sears, who spent 15 years compiling this five pound tome, obviously likes them. And so do many collectors. V-Disc was one of the most unusual labels in history, drawing celebrities from all fields of music to offer their services free of charge on recordings forbidden to the general public -- but of which, millions of copies were pressed. V-Discs are a slice of 1940's America, consisting of issued and unissued commercial recordings, radio broadcasts, soundtracks and (many) original sessions -- all pressed in high quality vinyl or similar materials.

The program began in 1943 as an Army morale project. The records, all 12-inch, were shipped free to troops overseas, with more than eighty million being distributed by the time the program was discontinued in 1949. APM readers may be surprised to learn of the close connection that the program's founder and guiding spirit, Capt. Robert Vincent, had with another fairly well-known name in recording history -- Thomas A. Edison. Vincent, it seems, was a record buff as youth, collecting spoken word recordings in the 1910's. In 1916, at the age of 15, he sailed to Europe with a cylinder machine to collect voice recordings there. A couple of years later he went back to Europe, this time as a newly commissioned Lieutenant in the American Expeditionary Forces, again taking his machine with him to capture the sounds of the times in France.

After the war Vincent went to work for Thomas A. Edison in West Orange, and he appeared in the 1931 film *Thomas Edison* as an engineer. Sears even tells us that when Edison quit the recording business he gave young Vincent "his collection of wax cylinders" (*sic*). Later Vincent opened his own transcription service, National Vocarium, in New York.

In a lifetime of collecting and recording,

Robert Vincent accumulated a collection of more than 10,000 voice recordings, which he donated to Michigan State University in 1962.

*V-Discs* faithfully traces the origin and history of Capt. Vincent's Army recording program (which eventually encompassed the Navy and Marine Corps as well). We learn that many of the issues had spoken announcements -- shades of Edison again! -- spoken by the artists or by celebrities such as Bob Hope or Jack Benny. Several studios and pressing plants were used, including the infamous Scranton Button Works, which years before had been responsible for some of the first disc records ever made (later it was taken over by Capitol).

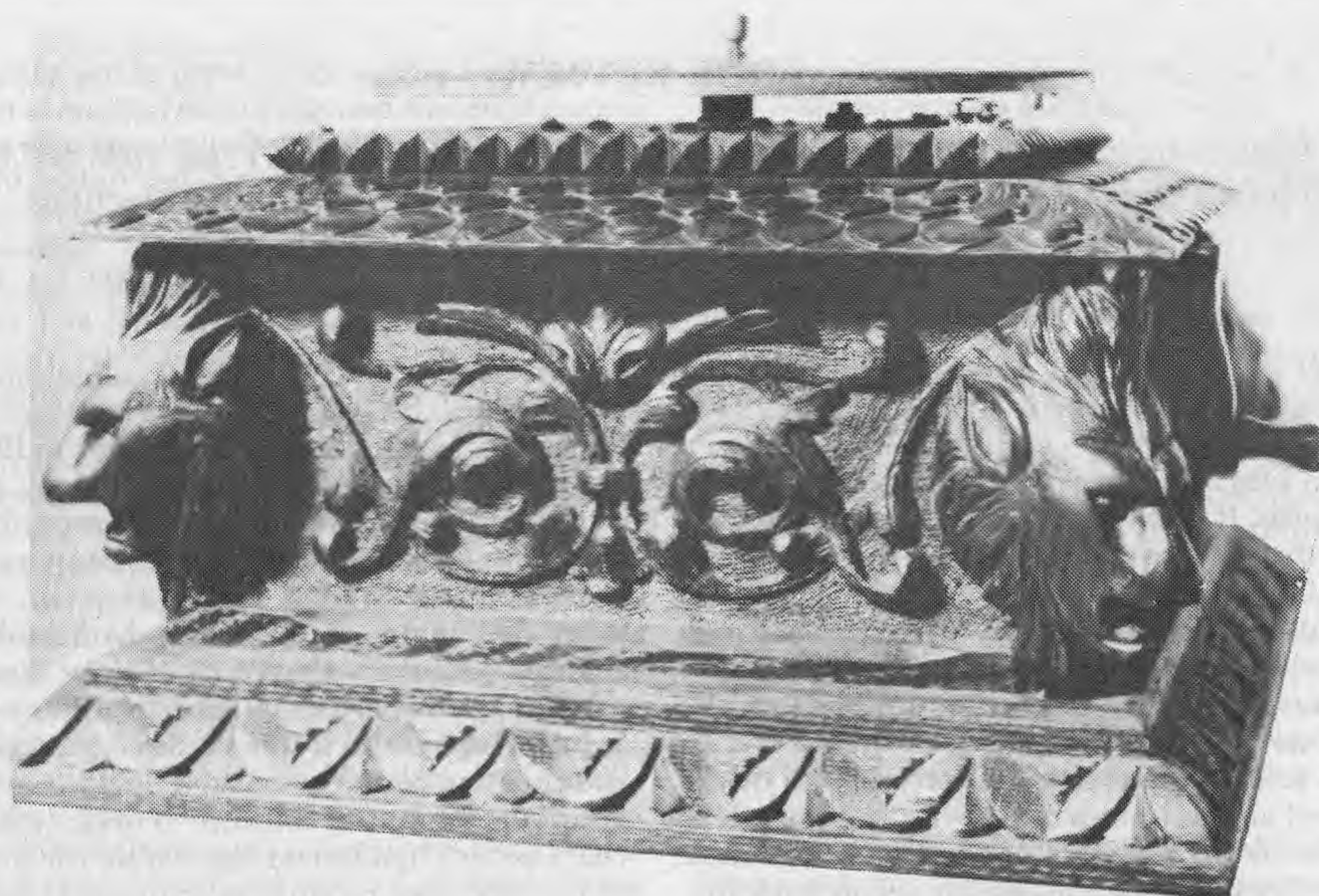
The bulk of the book consists of listings of all V-Disc masters, by artist, with full details (where available) including recording dates, personnel, and release numbers. Practically every type of music is represented -- pop, classical, country & western, folk, blues, swing -- even a bit of John McCormack. There is extensive annotation, giving everything from short biographies of most of the artists to full transcriptions of the spoken announcements and practically everyone's date of death. The author also has a penchant for giving every artist's real name, whether relevant or not. One would not expect to look here to learn that Sophie Tucker was really Sonia Abuza, or that Henri Rene was really Harold Kirchstein!

The only real criticism of this section is that it does not repeat the artist's name at the top of each page (or even in the body of the listings), making it a little difficult to find where you are when many listings go on for pages. Then too there is the patented Greenwood problem of "light type" (the body of the book was composed from typescript, and it is none too dark).

Appendices include a numerical listing of all issues, and LP reissues of V-Discs (mostly bootleg, since V-Discs technically were never supposed to be commercially sold or privately owned; one man was actually jailed after the war for having a cache of them!). There are also several dozen photos of the V-Disc office staff at work.

It is the ultimate book about V-Discs -- expensive, but you'll never need another. □





At long last, one of the "Victor" Monarch De Luxe Talking Machines has surfaced! Introduced in mid-1901 by Eldridge Johnson at a cost of \$60.00, this interesting gramophone sold in very limited numbers. Charlie Stewart of Reno, Nevada, would like to correspond with other owners of this machine.

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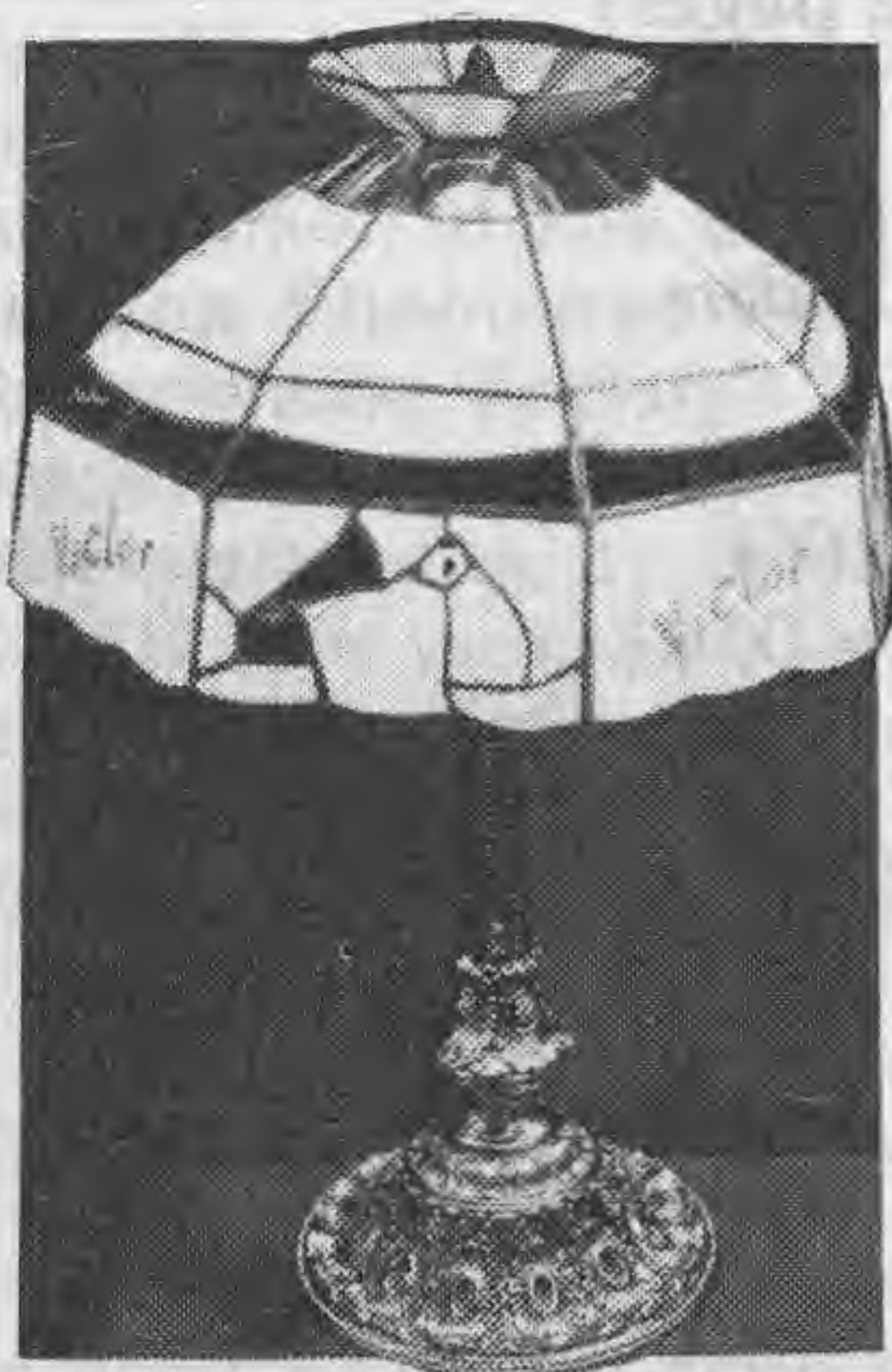


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